

REMARKS**A. Withdrawal of Restriction Requirement**

Applicants note and appreciate the Examiner's withdrawal of the June 2, 2005 restriction requirement.

B. Terminal Disclaimer Re: Claims 10 and 13

Without admission that the claims 10 and 13 are obvious in view of the claims of U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,401,717 or 6,431,174, and in order to expedite allowance, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer with reference to U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,401,717 or 6,431,174. Applicants submit this terminal disclaimer resolves the rejection noted on page 2, paragraph 3 of the final Office Action and claims 10 and 13 are, therefore, now allowable.

C. Objected Claims 11, 12 and 14**a. Claim 11**

Claim 11 was object (paragraph 4, page 3 of the Office Action) for depending upon a rejected base claim. Applicants believe this may be an error. The Examiner will note that in Applicants' Amendment filed March 11, 2005, claim 11 was already presented in independent format and, therefore, is submitted as being allowable. Reconsideration of this objection is solicited.

b. Claims 12 and 14

Upon entry of this amendment, objected claims 12 and 14 are presented in independent format with all limitations of base and intervening claims. Therefore, the objection of the Office Action on page 3, paragraph 4 is overcome and claims 12 and 14 are in allowable form.

D. Allowed Claims

As noted in the Office Action on page 3, claims 1 – 9 and 15 – 24 are in allowable form. Claim 21 is amended to add a semi-colon.

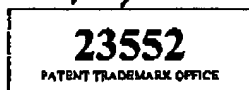
E. Summary


For the reasons noted above, all of claims 1 – 24 are allowable upon entry of this Amendment. Reconsideration, entry of this amendment and Notice of Allowance are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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